Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) The amounts invested in the Imperial and National Banks and referred to here are only deposits in current account which will usually fetch only a low rate of interest while the investment in the Central Co-operative Bank is a long-term loan.

(b) *Loans as they stood at the end of 1103.*

1.	Mysore Loan	5,00,000	0	0	7	per cent
2.	Loan to Vaniampara Rubber Co.	75,000	0	0	7½	,,
3.	Loan to Cochin Tanneries, Ltd.	50,000	0	0	7	,,
	,, ,,	14,910	3	7	6	,,
	,, ,,	56,844	13	2	7½	,,
4.	Loan to Cochin Tirumala Devaswam	10,000	0	0	7½	,,
		4,200	0	0	6¼	,,
5.	Loan to Sitaram Spinning & Weaving Mills, Ltd.	3,50,000	0	0	7½	,,
6.	5 per cent Income-tax Free Loan	52,600	0	0	5	,,
7.	Loan to Cochin Electric Co., Ltd.	25,000	0	0	7½	,,
8	Loan to the Ernakulam Municipality	41,666	10	8	6	,,
	,, ,,	3,000	0	0		
9.	Loan to the Trichur Municipality	27,265	0	0	5	,,

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I find from the answer to sub-division (9) of the question that an amount of Rs. 27,265 was given as loan at 5 per cent interest, such a very low percentage. May I know why ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That is a loan to the Municipality, Sir. We gave it to help the Municipality ; that is the only reason why it was advanced at such a rate.

Defalcations of Government money.

95. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state in detail the defalcations of Sirkar money during the years 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103 ;

(1) name of the office ;
(2) causes that led to such defalcations ;
(3) officer or officers held responsible ;
(4) the amount in each case ;
(5) the amount recovered in each case ;

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(6) arrangements made to recover the amounts;

(7) the number of cases under investigation or adjudication?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—A statement containing the information is placed on the Council Table.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What I have to submit is, that, first of all the statement placed on the Table consists only of 7 items. They were not entered in the answer paper itself. It is in a list, in a statement placed on the Table. If it is entered in the answer book there would not be any necessity to put the same question in future. That is my first complaint, Sir.

The first item in the statement is with regard to the District Munsiff's Court, Trichur. There was deficiency of amount at the close of the day. Head clerk responsible. Was the Head clerk given any punishment for this defalcation?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We have no information.

President.—When the answers are short, as the one now placed as a statement, you will get them printed along with the answers.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Item No. 7. Officer in-charge was one Venketeswara Ayyar. Money was recouped from him. Was any punishment given to him for this defalcation?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—We must look into the file, Sir.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No information here, Sir.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Amount found short in the cash chest. There is a case of defalcation. Want of supervision or some other thing. The result is stated, that the amount was found short by Rs. 21. There is no answer to my question.

President.—The Member wants notice.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What punishment was awarded to this man?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—He wanted money and so he took it. As regards punishment it is another matter.

President.—The case is that the man was in need of money and so he took the cash. As for punishment, there are several kinds of punishments.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Then comes Choondal Village Panchayat. Sankunni Menon under adjudication ever since 1099. Is the case not yet over?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The man has been ordered to be prosecuted. But the man is absconding.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is he still under adjudication?

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That case is just now over and we are taking steps to recover the amount.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In the same Department. The Head clerk of the Office of the Superintendent of Agriculture. Amount was kept in the table by the Head clerk as it could not be sent off to Madras on that day. During the night it is reported that the table was broken open and the amount was stolen. Was any enquiry made? Was it clearly found out that the loss of money was due to theft?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There was no clear evidence about the theft, or who the person that committed the theft was.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So the theft is acknowledged. Then why the poor clerk was made to pay the whole amount, by paying 10 rupees monthly from his pay?

President.—The clerk left the money drawn from the Treasury in the office table and when he left office the theft was committed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any iron safe in that office, Sir?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There is no iron safe.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So there is no safety to keep the public money in the office. He drew the money from the Treasury for sending it to Madras. As it was not possible to send it on that day, he had to keep it in his office table and further there is no iron safe in the office to keep public money. That is the case. May I know where the money is kept in the Office of the Superintendent?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—We generally send the cash box to the Treasury every day. It was not possible to send the box on that day being late.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So he kept it in his office table as there was no other safe place.

President.—But then the cash chest should have been sent to the Treasury by the evening.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any suspicion that the clerk took the money?

President.—There is no such suspicion. But surely there is the negligence on the part of the clerk.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—But then, is he allowed to take public money to his house and keep it in his own house?

President.—Where else can he keep it if there is no safe in the office?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If he takes the money to his own house, will it be allowed, Sir?

President.—Each case has to be decided on its own merits.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—Then comes the Mukundapuram Treasury defalcation case. Samprathy Mr. Ayyappan, District Registrar Mr. Narayana Puduval, who was in charge of the Treasury, were made to recoup the 2,000 rupees. Was any enquiry made?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, a lot of enquiries.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What was the result? Whether the money was taken by them or whether there also some thief took it from the Treasury?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There was a Sessions trial and all that. They were responsible for the safe custody of the money. Mr. Ayyappan was prosecuted for departmental negligence. In the Sessions trial there was no evidence against him and he was let off.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So he was honourably acquitted.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes. But then there is what is called departmental punishment. He has certain responsibilities. He is responsible for the safe custody of public money. There are certain rules that the Treasury Officer is responsibe for the safe custody, and he negiected his responsibility. The District Registrar and the Treasury Officer are both jointly responsible. So money was paid by these half and half within 24 hours, I believe.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Are there no defalcations during the years 1097 and 1098? Here only those from 1099 are given. May I know whether there was any defalcation in the year 1098?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—These are the only defalcations recorded in the defalcation register kept in my office.

Entertainment of Muslims in public service.

96. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government kindly state;—

(a) how many applications have been received from qualified Muslims for entertainment in public service during the last six months;

(b) how were those applications disposed of?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Six, so far as could be ascertained till now.

(b) Four applicants appointed. The remaining two registered but no appointment given yet.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, after printing this answer, I have come to know that there were nine more applications from Muslims for appointment in the Education Department and those were appointed also in that Department.

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